

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: LATEX GLOVES PRODUCTS : MDL DOCKET NO. 1148
LIABILITY LITIGATION :
: ALL CASES

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 18
TIMELINE FOR MERITS DISCOVERY

And now, this 13th day of November 1997, upon conference, the following is ordered:

The following merits discovery schedule is hereby approved for actions that became part of MDL No. 1148 prior to June 2, 1997 - (See attached list):

— October 15, 1997 - Plaintiffs' service of "Merits Interrogatories of Plaintiffs Addressed to All Defendants - First Set" and "Merits Request for Production of Documents Addressed to All Defendants - First Set."

— November 15, 1997 - Defendants will deliver objections, if any, to plaintiffs' requests.

— November 28, 1997 - If objections are made, the parties shall attempt to resolve them by this date.

— December 8, 1997 - Any unresolved objections shall be submitted to the Special Master for immediate decision.

— January 29, 1998 - The parties shall apply, and resolve all issues relating to, the so-called bright-line test.

— January 29, 1998 - Defendants shall respond to plaintiffs' merits discovery requests.

Edmund V. Ludwig, J.